

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITOH et al.

Serial Number: 09/147,052

Filed: April 5, 1999



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: HINES, J.

For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR, RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

February 21, 2001

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2000, for three months from November 30, 2000 to February 28, 2001.

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$2,156.00 to cover the \$710.00 basic filing fee, \$396.00 for filing 22 extra claims, \$270.00 for filing multiple dependent claims and \$780.00 extension fee is included (\$110.00 was subtracted from the fee for the Petition for a One Month Extension that was already filed on December 29, 2000). In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, it is requested that an appropriate extension of time be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, in addition to any other fees which may now be due with respect to this paper. Two extra copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:

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